

In assembling the keyboard of Fig. 8, the elastic cups may be easily positioned in the receiving holes 71 on the flat locating sheet 7 and located in place, as shown in Fig. 9. The wall portion 72 surrounding each receiving hole 71 confines the corresponding elastic cup 5 to the receiving hole 71 to align with the center of the corresponding membrane-type switch 21 [while] which prevents the elastic cup 5 from separating from the receiving hole 71. It is to be noted that the elastic cups 5 confined by the wall portion 72 to the receiving holes 71 are not integrally connected to the receiving holes 71 but can be independently removed therefrom. That is, in the event a certain one of the elastic cups 5 is damaged or defective, it does not [prevents] prevent other elastic cups 5 from functioning normally. Therefore, any defective or damaged elastic cup 5 found in the course of manufacturing or in the service life of the keyboard, the defective or damaged elastic cup 5 may be dependently removed and replaced with a good one without the necessity of discarding the whole elastic-cup support 7 and other normal elastic cups 5. This enables saving of a large quantity of material for making the keyboard and to effectively upgrade the good yield of the keyboard.

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Figs. 13, 14, and 15 show a second embodiment of the receiving holes 71 of the elastic-cup support 7. In this second embodiment, the wall portion 72 of each receiving hole 71 has two notches 73, but [both notches 73 have not any] neither notch 73 has a radially inward extended lug 74. Figs. 16, 17, and 18 show a third embodiment of the receiving holes 71 of the elastic-cup support 7. In this third embodiment, the wall portion 72 of each receiving hole 71 is continuously extended without any notch 73 and lug 74.

Although the continuous wall portion 72 does not have any notch and lug provided thereat, the elastic cup 5 may still be directly and independently positioned in the receiving hole 71 and be located in place by the continuous wall portion 72. An advantage of the wall portion 72 with notches 73 is it can be more easily manufactured than the continuous wall portion 72.